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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 11, 2013 -- For the week ending March 10, 2013, many areas of Kansas continued to receive much needed moisture according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. The Kansas wheat crop has started to green up and operators are top-dressing fields where conditions permit. Spring calving has progressed smoothly even with the additional moisture although many producers are hauling water to cattle. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 18 percent very short, 30 percent short, 46 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Kansas subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 41 percent very short, 42 percent short, 16 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Producers averaged only 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Weather Report: Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

Field Crops Report: The condition of the Kansas winter wheat crop was rated as 11 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Eighty-one percent of the crop had no wind damage, 14 percent had light wind damage, 4 percent had moderate wind damage, and 1 percent had severe wind damage. Eight-six percent of the crop had no freeze damage, 9 percent had light freeze damage, 4 percent had moderate freeze damage, and 1 percent had severe freeze damage.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: The condition of Kansas range and pasture was rated as 49 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 16 percent fair, and 3 percent good. Feed grain supplies were 21 percent very short, 25 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 38 percent very short, 37 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 41 percent very short, 31 percent short, 28 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.

District level data is provided on the back page.

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?KS,HP

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District
for the Week Ending March 10, 2013**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	1.8	4.4	3.8	2.8	1.6	1.5	2.6	0.7	2.0	2.3	0.9	5.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	35	31	33	7	13	12	14	18	7	18	18	12
Short	37	31	40	35	28	24	41	21	25	30	31	23
Adequate	25	38	26	57	59	51	45	48	51	46	42	61
Surplus	3	0	1	1	0	13	0	13	17	6	9	4
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	62	48	54	40	38	37	33	35	26	41	46	12
Short	35	38	38	45	41	54	50	40	40	42	37	30
Adequate	3	14	8	15	21	9	17	23	33	16	16	57
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1